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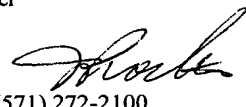
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-26</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-26</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

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V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1-26 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Nakagoshi et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,377,33 (herein referred to as Nakagoshi).

Referring to claim 1, Nakagoshi has taught a computer array, comprising:
a plurality of computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20);
and a plurality of data paths connecting the computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20);
wherein at least some of the computers are assigned a task different from that assigned to the other computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 2, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein each of the computers is assigned a task different from that of the other computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 3, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein at least some of the computers are configured for specific input functions (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 4, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein at least some of the computers are configured for specific output functions (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 5, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein communication between the computers is asynchronous (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 6, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein communication between the computers is via a plurality of parallel data lines (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

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Referring to claim 7, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein each of the computers is hard wired to communicate with at least three of the plurality of computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 8, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein the quantity of computers is 25 (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 9, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein the computers are physically arrayed in a 5 by 5 array (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 10, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein at least some of the computers are physically arrayed in a 4 by 6 array (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 11, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein the quantity of computers along each side of the array is an even number (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 12, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein at least one of the computers is in direct communication with an external memory source (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 13, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 1, wherein at least one of the computers communicates data from an external memory source to at least some of the plurality of computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 14, Nakagoshi has taught a method for performing a computerized job, comprising:
providing a plurality of computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20); and
assigning a different task to at least some of the computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 15, Nakagoshi has taught the method of claim 14, wherein at least one of the computers is assigned to communicate with a flash memory (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 16, Nakagoshi has taught the method of claim 14, wherein at least one of the computers is assigned to communicate with a random access memory (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 17, Nakagoshi has taught the method of claim 14, wherein at least one of the computers is assigned to accomplish an input/output function (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 18, Nakagoshi has taught the method of claim 14, wherein one of the computers routes assignments to the remainder of the computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 19, Nakagoshi has taught a computer array, comprising:
a plurality of computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20); and
a plurality of data connections between the computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20);
wherein at least some of the computers are programmed to perform different functions (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 20, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 19, wherein the different functions work together to accomplish a task (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 21, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 19, wherein each of the functions is programmed into the respective computers when the computer array is initialized (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

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Referring to claim 22, Nakagoshi has taught the computer array of claim 19, wherein communication between the computers is asynchronous (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 23, Nakagoshi has taught a method for accomplishing a task using a plurality of computers, comprising: dividing a task into operational components and assigning each of the operational components to one of the computers (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20); programming at least some of the computers to accomplish each of the operational components (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 24, Nakagoshi has taught the method for accomplishing a task of claim 23, wherein the operational components are operations used in accomplishing a global positioning system receiver (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 25, Nakagoshi has taught the method for accomplishing a task of claim 23, wherein before the task is begun, programming the computers to accomplish each of the operational components (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Referring to claim 26, Nakagoshi has taught the method for accomplishing a task of claim 23, wherein the computers are arranged in a computer array (Nakagoshi column 4, line 34 to column 6, line 45; column 10, line 37 to column 11, line 24; and column 20, lines 7-20).

Claims 1-26 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Nakagoshi et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,377,33. See the above.

Claims 1-26 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.